

HB 67 -- ELECTIONS

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This bill changes the laws regarding elections. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows a person who is in the federal service or who is a covered voter as specified in the bill who has been discharged from military service, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside of the United States after the specified deadline to register to vote in person before the election authority if he or she is otherwise qualified until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to an election if he or she can show sufficient documentation of qualifying for late registration;
- (2) Adds provisions regarding voting machines to reflect current technology;
- (3) Allows an emergency worker as specified in the bill to request an absentee ballot via mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission until 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to an election. In order to be counted, an absentee ballots must be received by the close of the polls on election day; and
- (4) Makes procedural changes regarding the counting of absentee ballots to conform with current practice and allows absentee ballots cast in person to be counted without additional steps involving ballot envelopes.